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Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, August 23, 2020

*During the prelude, please prepare your heart
to worship our gracious, Almighty God together.*

Meditation

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

"Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne."

Prelude

"Song Without Words"
Jacquelyn Thornell, Organist

MENDELSSOHN

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

PSALM 19:1-6

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

**People: Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

Leader: In them he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

**People: Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 122

"God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

- 1** God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;
ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
all the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity,
- 2** Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.
- 3** But our sins have spoiled thine image, nature, conscience only serve
as unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed
claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.
- 4** God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
we, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
with our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 645

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

- 1** Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
- 2** Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find,
A sweeter sound than thy blest Name, O Savior of mankind.
- 3** O Hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
- 4** But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show:
The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.
- 5** Jesus, our only Joy be thou, as thou our Prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our Glory now, and through eternity.

Confession of Sin

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.

Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law.

Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

PSALM 30:11-12

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Pastoral Prayer

Reading of Holy Scripture

EPHESIANS 5:3-14 (NIV)

³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness,

righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

“Sleepers Awake!”

Hymn of Response *

N^o. 476

“The Light of the World Is Jesus”

1 The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin; The Light of the world is Jesus; Like sunshine at noonday his glory shone in, The Light of the world is Jesus.

Refrain

Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee; Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me; Once I was blind, but now I can see; The Light of the world is Jesus.

2 No darkness have we who in Jesus abide, The Light of the world is Jesus; We walk in the Light when we follow our Guide, The Light of the world is Jesus. [Refrain]

3 Ye dwellers in darkness with sin-blinded eyes, The Light of the world is Jesus; Go, wash at his bidding, and light will arise, The Light of the world is Jesus. [Refrain]

4 No need of the sunlight in heaven, we're told, The Light of the world is Jesus; The Lamb is the Light in the City of Gold, The Light of the world is Jesus. [Refrain]

Offertory Prayer

Doxology *

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Benediction

* Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

5:3-14

“Sleepers Awake!”

I. Refuse in Thought, Word, and Deed

II. Recognize the Sure Ruination

III. Reflect the Light of Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Change to Service Time: After considering the small number of worshippers, particularly in the 11 a.m. service, the Session has decided to move to one worship service beginning Sunday, August 30th. The service will be at 10 a.m. and will be in-person and live-streamed.

Bridal Shower: Please join us for a Virtual Shower honoring Sarah Carpenter *THIS SATURDAY*, August 29th at 10 am. Please bring your gift to the church by Wednesday, August 26th. The gifts will be taken to Sarah for her to open during the virtual shower. A Zoom invitation will be sent on Friday, August 28th. Sarah is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond, Target, and Anthropologie.

Bridal Shower: There will be a Bridal Shower for Anna Kate Carter, bride elect of John Stowers, on September 13th. More details to come.

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (9:30/11:00):	August 16	43/18
Live Views		19
Total Online Views		46
Children’s Sunday School		19
Last Week’s Offering:		\$ 4,506.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 7,194.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$ 203,361.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$ 237,402.00 (-\$34,041)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Jo Stanford
in loving memory of her husband, Thomas.

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IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:** David and Robin White (Atlanta: Field Support)
- **Ministry of the Week:** Joseph Barnes (Ripe for Harvest)
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Gary Morrison and John Thompson
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** James David Wade
- **College Student of the Week:** Matt Stowers
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

Weddings and Babies:

- **Terry and Jackson Pullen:** expecting a baby boy Sept 28th
- **Katlyn and Joel Huddleston:** expecting a baby boy in October.
- **Sarah Carpenter and Thad Moody:** to be married on October 17th.
- **John Stowers and Anna Kate Carter:** to be married on Nov 14th.

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- **Jerry Moore:** improving, continues to have pain in his ankle, will have additional tests and treatment for the pain. He and his family so appreciate your prayers and concern.
 - **Bob Booth:** neurological disease, getting weaker, scheduled to go to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville on Sept 14th.
 - **Penny Stokes:** received an antibody blood transfusion for COVID-19.
 - **Daisy Lucas** (Kathy & Jim Smith's niece): undergoing tests for chronic liver disease.
 - **Ken Bramlett:** still having dizzy spells.
 - **Laverne Parks:** Edsell passed away July 22nd.
 - **Bill Glover:** Parkinson's, may have Shy-Drager syndrome as well, blood pressure normalized, problems with rapid pulse rate, debilitating fatigue.
 - **Lois Carman:** severe back pain from scoliosis.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Will Glover** (Marsha & Bill Glover's Son): cancer has reappeared on the brain stem, motor functions are declining, difficulty swallowing, double vision, unable to walk, radiation treatment ended Friday, continuing Avastin infusion, waiting on insurance to approve chemo infusion.

- **Charles Watkins** (Sharon Nicholson's brother): cancer may have spread to his brain, moving to his mother's house.
- **Sarah Parks Martin** (relative of Bob and Carol Booth & PCA pastor's wife): breast cancer.
- **Anna Taylor** (wife of Jim Taylor, Pastor of The Pointe): cancer in her back, back at work, continuing chemo.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia, reached 2 year anniversary of bone marrow transplant.
- **Kelly Langford** (Jacquelyn Thornell's Daughter): has had some difficult weeks since March caused by oral chemo, full dose of chemo resumed, appointment at MD Anderson postponed until mid-August.
- **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's Nephew): Desmoplastic round cell tumor; responding well to a maintenance regime of oral chemo, waiting for appointment at Sloan Kettering in New York. Although he has a long way to go, God has blessed him with the ability to enjoy hobbies and other activities.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer, June 25th scan was clear, Praise God!
- **Steven Bell** (Tiffany Glover's brother): liver/colon cancer, doing well, just finished second round of chemo.
- **Robin Marbury Morris** (Jeanne Monsour's Niece): liver & colon cancer, continuing chemo biweekly.
- **Gib Vredevelt** (Julie Rogers' Father): esophageal cancer, doing good, next appointment scheduled for July.
- **Leah Herbert** (Ainslie Curtis' teacher): stage 4 cervical cancer, single Mom of a 6th grader, check-up showed no treatment is needed right now, will return in 2 months for follow-up.
- **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor); Jerry Long, Batesville Pres (kidney cancer).
- **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' Uncle): prostate cancer.

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- **Service members:** Isaac Jay (Army, Fort Polk; grandson of Elton & Sonia Jay); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (nephew of Barbara Fowler)

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- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Ken Bramlett, Evelyn Culpepper, Elsa Davis, Bob & Jody Nelson, Laverne Parks, Laverne Roberts